

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 5 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 2-4 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 5 has been added. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4 under §102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,301,975 to Chikaraishi (hereinafter Chikaraishi).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection because Chikaraishi fails to disclose all of the elements as now set forth and arranged in the claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to set forth that the connection member (or conductive plates) is equipped for conducting the connection pins and the sensor circuit substrate. New claim 5 also includes this feature.

Support for this feature can be found in the originally filed specification at least as follows. The connection member (or conductive plates) is a member for conducting the connection pins and the sensor circuit substrate is obvious from the description "...the coil winding 20 is made conductive with the sensor circuit substrate 22 via the connection pins 19 and the connection member 25." See paragraph [0048] of the English specification of the present application. Further, the description "...coil windings 20 become conductive with the sensor circuit substrate 22 via the connection pins 19 and the connection member 25" also supports the now recited feature. See paragraph [0052] of the specification of the present application.

In contrast to that independently set forth in claims 1 and 5, the connection member (sensor casing) 21 disclosed in Chikaraishi is only for supporting the connection of respective pins 19a, 19b with the substrate 22. That is, "connection member (sensor casing) 21" disclosed in Chikaraishi has no constitution that makes the respective pins 19a, 19b electrically connected with the substrate 22. In this respect, "connection member (sensor casing) 21" disclosed in Chikaraishi differs from the "connection member (or conductive plates)" as presently claimed.

Therefore, the subject matter set forth in claims 1 and 5, and the torque sensor disclosed in Chikaraishi are different in their structure and effects.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

New Claim

Claim 5 has been added. As noted above, claim 5 is distinguishable over Chikaraishi.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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